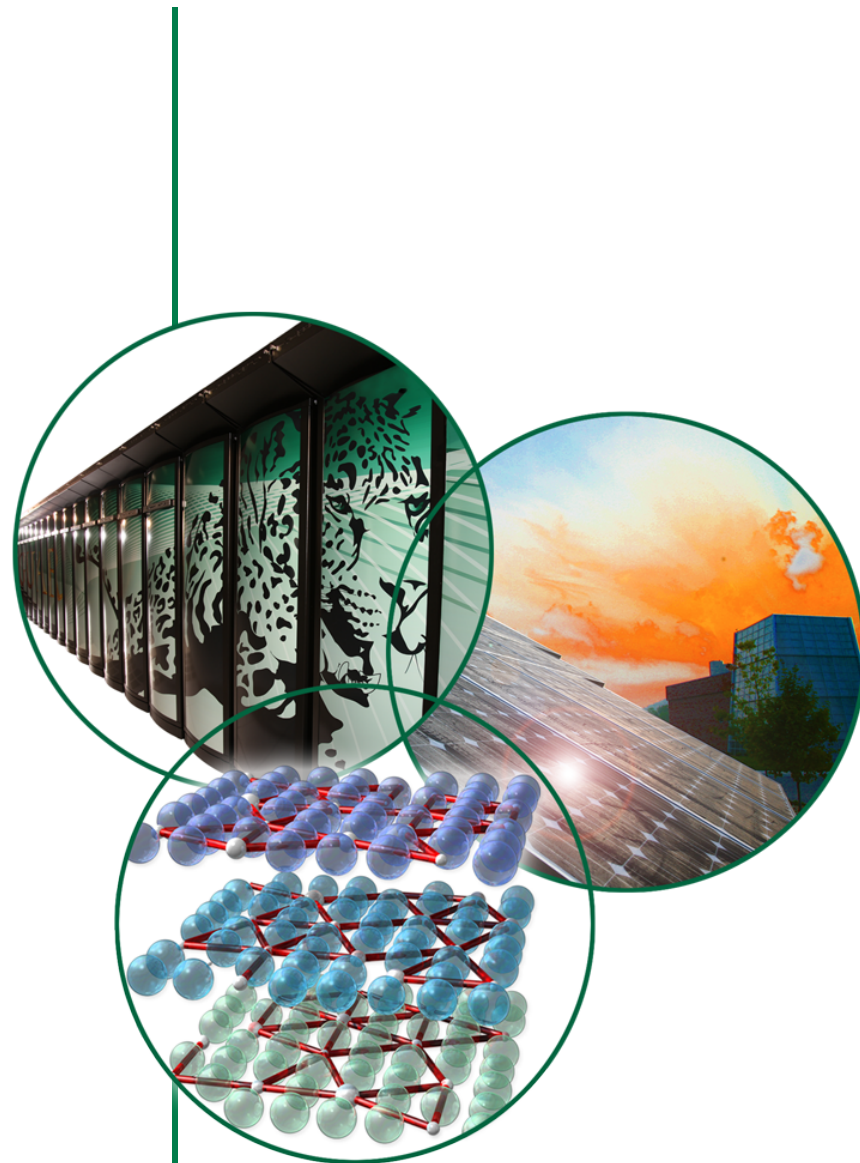


# Molecular Dynamics Simulation of Protein Dynamics and Lignocellulosic Biomass (m906)

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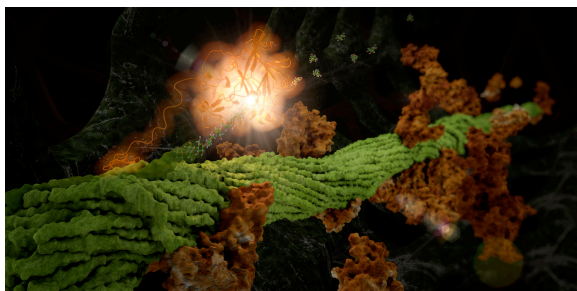


# 1. Project Description

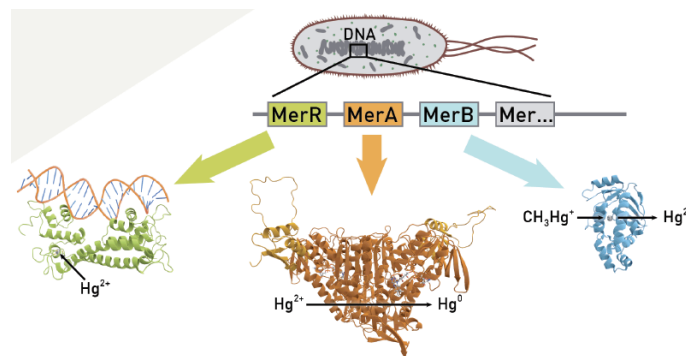
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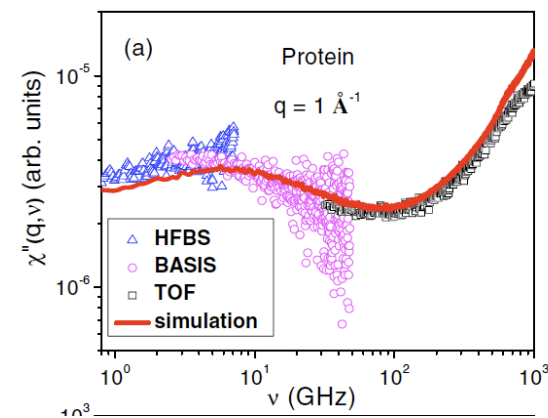
Insight into physical processes leading to biological function in critical research missions:



**Bioenergy**

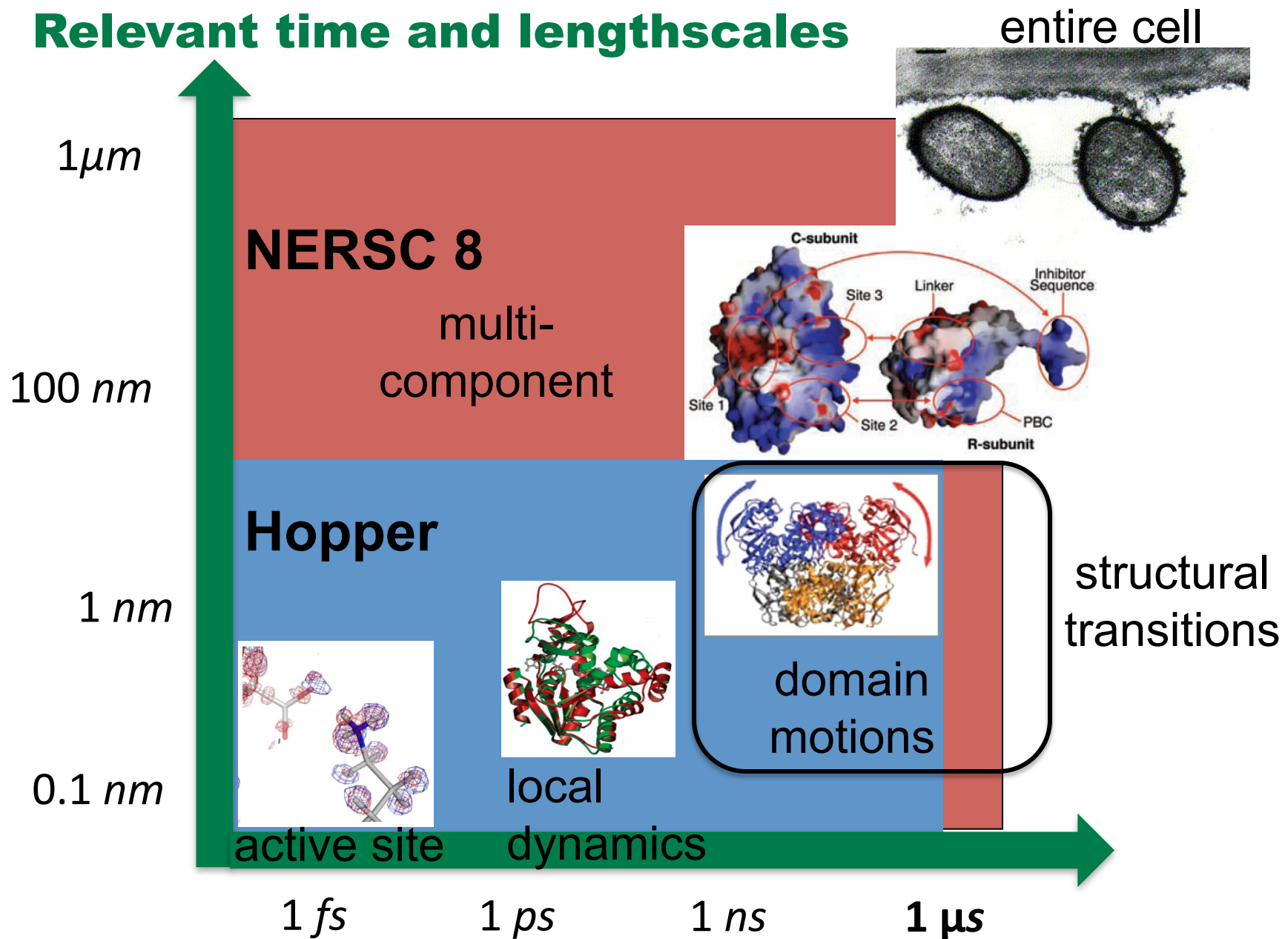


**Bioremediation**



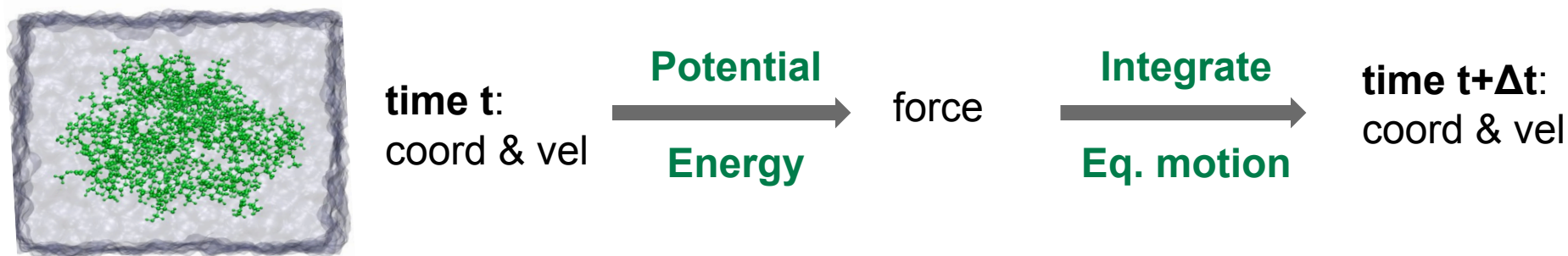
**Neutron scattering**

# Relevant time and lengthscales



## 2. Computational Strategies

### Molecular Dynamics Simulation



**Codes:** GROMACS and NAMD

**Algorithms:**

Integration of equations of motions: verlocity Verlet.

N-body algorithms with neighborlist.

Domain and force decomposition for multi-level parallelization.

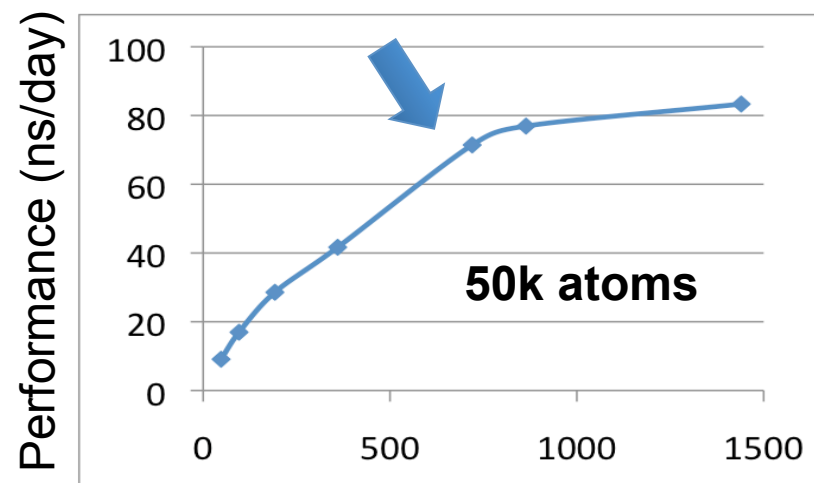
Grid-based electrostatics: Particle Mesh Ewald (FFT).

} network  
communication

# Computational Challenges for Capacity-Class Simulations

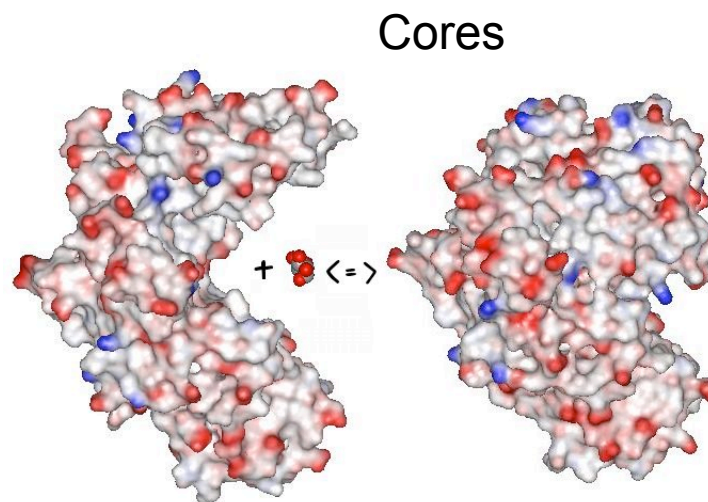
1. Biggest computational challenge: strong scaling is limited by network latency.

→ limits accessible timescales



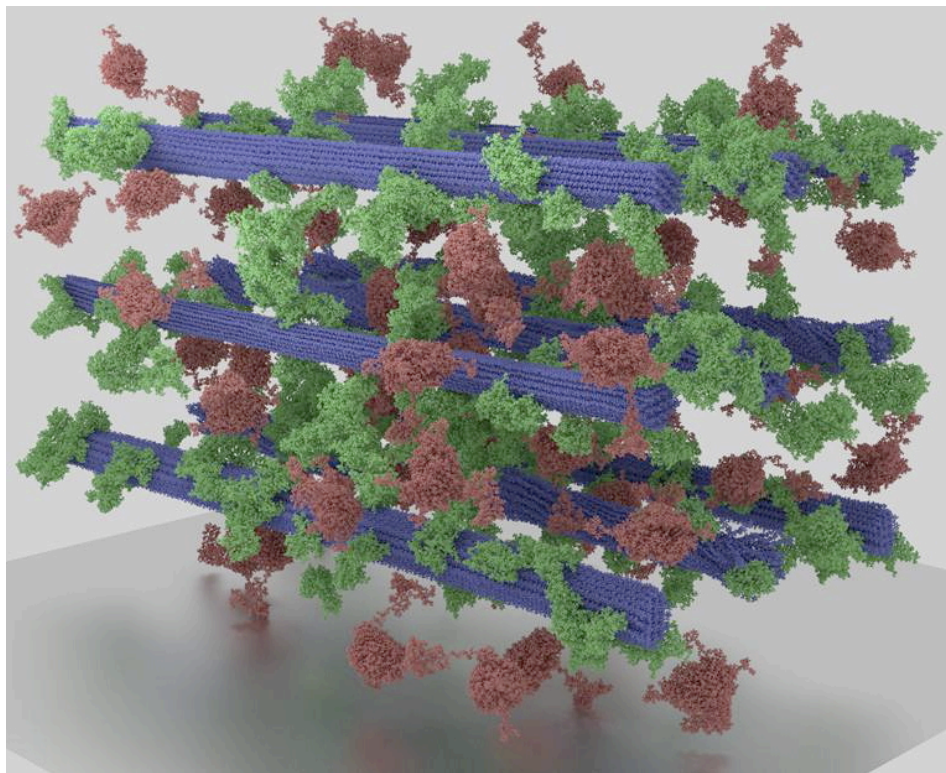
2. Ensemble-based methods to enhance sampling of structural transitions substantial increase in computational cost

→ currently not applicable in multi-component systems

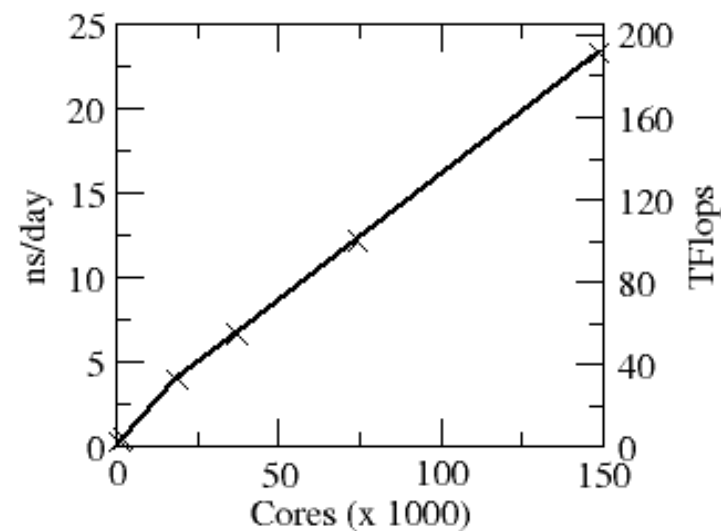
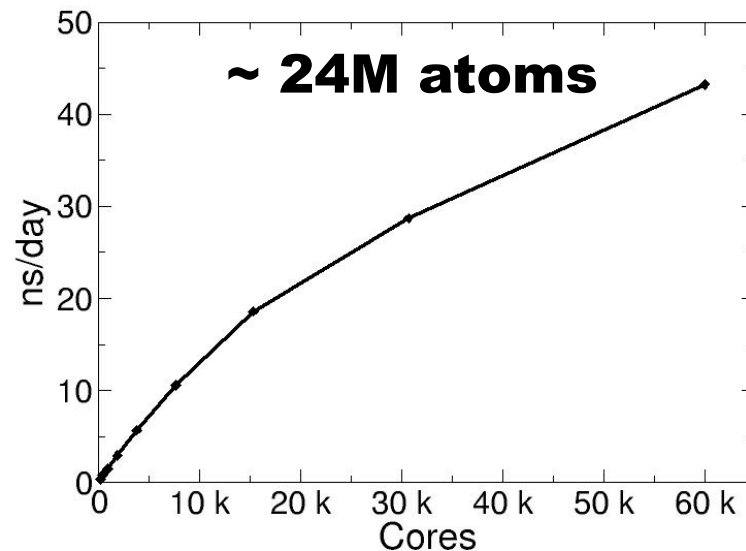




# (Capability-Class Simulations)



**24M-atom simulation of enzyme binding to pretreated lignocellulose.**  
**2012: 50 M INCITE hours on OLCF Jaguar XT5**



**~ 100M atoms**

### 3. Current HPC Usage

- Hopper: 7.5M CPU hours in 2012 on single-molecule simulations

Cores	200-2,000
Checkpoint data	1.2 to 24 MB
Checkpoint bandwidth	2 MB/sec
Data I/O*	0.2 – 2 Gb
I/O bandwidth	500 kB/sec
Project directory space	1TB
Archival data	10 TB
Memory per node	~MB

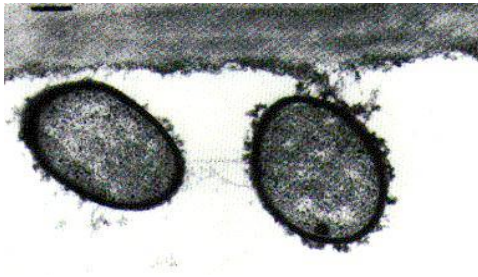
**system size:**  
**~50k-500k atoms**

**~10k one-hour  
runs per year**

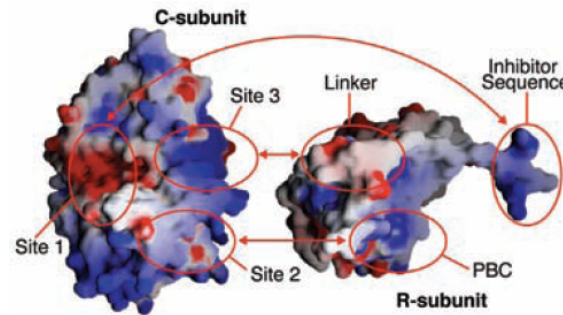
\*based on 1 hour run

## 4. HPC Requirements for 2017

- 60 M hours.
- Parallel concurrency increase x10:



extend lengthscales:  
biomass-microbe  
interactome



ensemble methods in  
complexes systems:  
signaling pathways

- Modest memory requirements (~10MB) and I/O bandwidth ~5MB/sec
- ~10k files, size ~ 10 MB – 10 GB



## 4. HPC Requirements for 2017

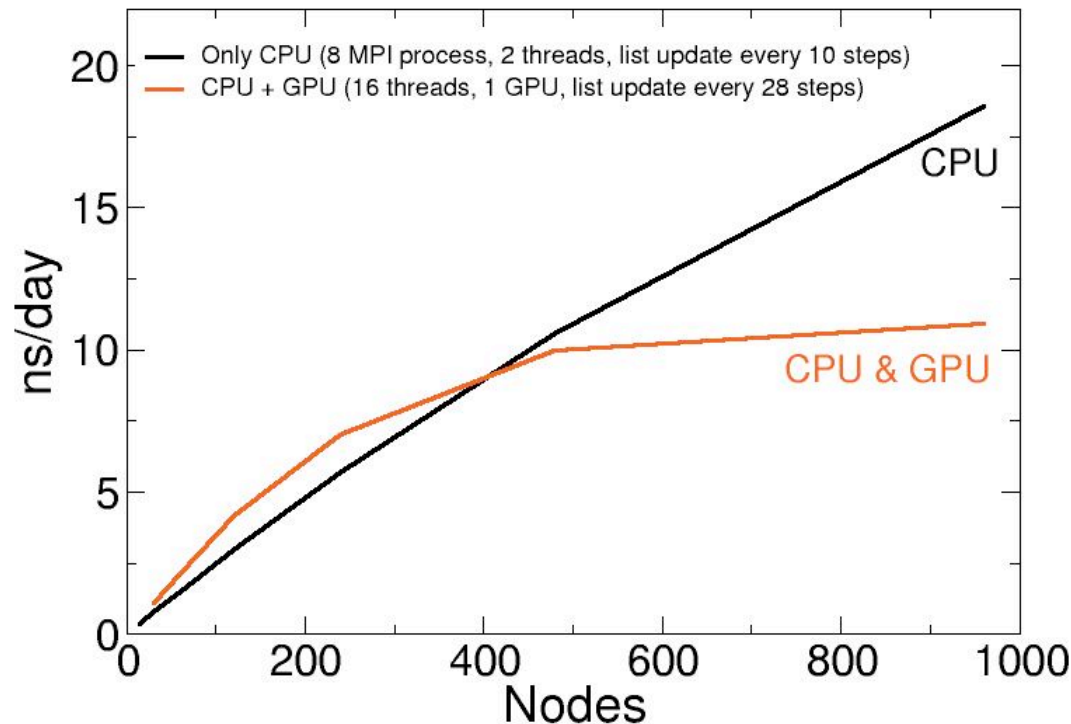
Cores	2,000-20,000	
Checkpoint data	12 to 120 MB	
Checkpoint bandwidth	20 MB/sec	
Data I/O*	2 – 20 Gb	
I/O bandwidth	5 MB/sec	
Project directory space	2TB	} write less frequently
Archival data	20 TB	
Memory per node	~MB	

Applications: Gromacs, NAMD, VMD

Development: C++, Boost, libxml, Cmake, Git, FFTW, Cuda (or equivalent), Eclipse/PTP

## 5. Strategies for New Architectures

- MD codes already compatible with hybrid CPU/GPU architectures



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- Currently two CPUs as fast as CPU+GPU. By 2017 expect GPUs will provide 2x speedup.
- Implicit solvent calculations potentially benefit from GPU

## **5. Summary**

- **NERSC8 → new biology**
  - **Increase in accessible lengthscales**
  - **Ensemble-based methods for multi-component complexes.**
- **Recommendations on NERSC architecture:**
  - **Vendors: tightly integrated (ideally shared cache) CPU + GPU enabling fine-grain split of workload between CPU and GPU.**
  - **Strong scaling of MD simulations is limited by network latency: small cluster with lowest possible network latency.**
  - **Simulations are globally synchronized, therefore the lowest network connection is slowing down the entire simulation. A task placement that ensures nodes can communicate with low network latency.**